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Applicants : Hideki TATEMATSU et al.  
Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the Abstract, as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.



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**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Transmitted herewith is an **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.☒ No additional fee is required.

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